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: FOR LIGHT-METAL CASTINGS  
: AND VEHICLE ALUMINUM WHEEL  
: SURFACE-TREATED BY THE  
: SAME METHOD  
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